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SUBJECT: REPORT ON CUBAN PLANS IN AFRICA

1. THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTING CHIEF FOR AFRICA AND CONTINENTAL ASIA (URIARTE) TOLD US JUNE 16 THAT THE MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED A REPORT THAT DAY FROM ITS EMBASSY IN HAVANA ACCORDING TO WHICH CUBA IS PLANNING TO MOVE ITS FORCES IN ANGOLA INTO THE CAPRIVI STRIP WITH A VIEW TO LAUNCHING AN ATTACK AIMED AT "DE-STABILIZING" ZAMBIA. THE REPORT SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH ALL DUE RESERVE, SAID URIARTE, AND MAY TURN OUT TO BE UNTRUE, BUT THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA IS GENERALLY VERY WELL INFORMED. ASKED ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE MOVE, URIARTE SAID IT DID NOT APPEAR VERY IMMINENT, BUT IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT A LONG-TERM PLAN.

2. THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALSO REPORTED THE CUBAN POSITION THAT CUBA WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY ATTACK ON ERITREA "UNLESS THE SUPERPOWERS BECAME INVOLVED". URIARTE
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TOOK THAT PHRASE TO REFER PRINCIPALLY TO THE US, BUT ALSO TO SUCH OTHER FOREIGN POWERS AS SAUDI ARABIA OR FRANCE. BREMENT

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